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Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, (chairman) was supported by the following members of the consulting committee:—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay and H. P. White and Mr. F. C. Hall (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs.:—J. Arnold, R. L. Edridge, A. Denison, D. V. Stevenson, Ho Leung, J. H. Seth, G. V. Osmond, C. Savard, Remedios, and A. H. M. da Silva.

After the secretary had read the convening notice, Mr. Bernard said:—

"Loyal Support."

"Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for the prescribed number of days, I propose, with your permission, to follow the customary procedure of taking them as read."

"It is with considerable pleasure that your general managers and consulting committee are able to place before you such a satisfactory account as that for the year 1924, and our best thanks are due to all those who have so loyally afforded us their support in the difficult days that are past. However, insurance business is a bleak moment like every other factor in the commercial world, and competition is becoming so severe that it is difficult to see what the future has in store. Still, I trust we may rely on the continued support of our friends who have given us their business in the past and helped to build up the company into its present present sound position."

"To return to the account for the year 1924, I would point out that the balance of \$534,656.09, is the third best in the history of the company. The net premium received, is the highest by nearly \$100,000 as also is the income from interest by approximately \$25,000."

Factor of Exchange.

"The ratio of losses and expenses work out at 43.25 per cent. and 38.51 per cent. respectively as against 40.44 per cent. and 37.37 per cent. for the year 1923. The rate of exchange at which the accounts are shown is 5/8 of a penny higher than last year and, small as this may seem, it makes a very considerable difference in converting our sterling figures into Hongkong dollars."

"The balance at credit of working account for 1925 is \$590,732.41, or approximately \$77,000 better than the previous year at the same period, i.e. after twelve months' working. This is the more satisfactory in view of the fall in premium income of about \$40,000 as compared with 1924. This shrinkage in income was anticipated by us but we are hopeful that a full recovery will be achieved in the year now current."

"The account for 1925 has yet a further twelve months to run but, with the carry forward as shown, we are reasonably confident that we shall be able to present to you a healthy final outcome at this time next year."

Increased Dividend.

"The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$534,656.09, and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$38 per share, an increase of \$3 on last year's, absorbing \$204,000, the appropriation of \$100,000 to the reserve fund, and that the balance of \$130,656.09, at 2 1/4% = \$15,447.15, be carried to the credit of reinsurance fund. The reserve fund will then stand at \$2,100,000 and the reinsurance fund at \$218,904.08."

"All our reserves are in a satisfactory condition. The investment and exchange fluctuation account shows a fall of \$225,000 compared with the figure at which

A PRACTICAL JOKE.
COSTS ONE MONTH IN JAIL.
YOUTH'S SILLY PRANK.

A Chinese youth attempted a practical joke on a rice merchant at Cochrane Street by ordering a bag of rice to be taken to the Mercantile Bank premises. Two shop coolies carried the rice and deposited it near the staircase. They were then led on a wild goose chase from floor to floor for payment and eventually the joker was caught and handed over to a constable.

These facts came out in evidence when the youth was charged before Major G. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning for attempting to obtain goods by false pretences. It was stated that the accused was not an employee of the Bank, but he knew every part of the building. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

It stood last year. This is due to depreciation in the value of our gold and silver investments and to adverse exchanges, both as regards sterling and Shanghai tael. I might mention that quite an appreciable part of this amount has been recovered since December 31 last, this being the date on which values and rates of exchange are taken for the purposes of our annual accounts.

Bonus To Staff.

"You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff."

"The year under review has proved to be an uneventful one from an insurance standpoint. The chaotic conditions now prevalent practically all over China make business most difficult and we sincerely trust that some early solution may be found that will help the country to more peaceful and prosperous days."

"I cannot close without some short reference to the fire in the Hongkong Hotel of January 1, last. This was undoubtedly the worst conflagration that has been experienced in the Colony for very many years past, and great credit is due to the Fire Brigade for checking the fire when they did. This they were enabled to do owing to the co-operation of units from His Majesty's naval and military forces."

Unsatisfactory Feature.

"One unsatisfactory feature was apparent however to all who witnessed the fire and that was the lamentable lack of European firemen to support the efforts of the superintendent. We trust that the Government will take early steps to remedy this most serious deficiency as it cannot be hoped that Hongkong will always maintain its recent record of immunity from serious fires."

"After the resolution, which I am about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to ask."

"I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$38 per share, as addition to the reserve fund of \$100,000, the transfer of \$15,447.15, at exchange 2 1/4% = \$150,656.09, to the credit of reinsurance fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries be adopted and passed."

Mr. A. Denison seconded. No question was put and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other business comprised:—

Election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White (the retiring members); with the chairman of the company, as the consulting committee, proposed by Mr. R. L. Bridger, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

Election of auditors (at rates of \$750 each) of Messrs. Lowe, English and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming proposed by Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung.

Dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application, announced the chairman, who then thanked those present for their attendance.

MOTOR MISHAP.
CYCLE RUNS INTO A BANK.
EUROPEAN INJURED.

Sanitary Inspector A. F. Brady was involved in a motor cycle accident in the New Territories yesterday which necessitated his removal to the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. Brady was driving on the Castle Peak Road and when near Chung, U-tchur, his machine ran off the road. The presence of a bank at this spot fortunately averted more serious injury. He was hurt in both knees and his hands by striking a rock.

Other Accidents.

A number of motor cars and a hand truck were in collision in two other accidents on this side of the harbour yesterday.

In the first of these a motor car travelling along Des Voeux Road West struck a truck loaded with meat from the slaughter house. Another car coming from the opposite direction failed to stop in time and also collided with the truck. One of the truck men, a butcher, was injured in both legs and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

At Jubilee Street, in the afternoon, a car driven by a European collided with another coming from the opposite direction. The rigging of both the cars were damaged, but the occupants escaped injury.

TOWER COLLAPSE.
ALARMING ACCIDENT AT NORTH POINT.
ONE COOLIE KILLED.

An accident at the Netherlands Harbour Works, North Point, resulted in the death of one coolie and serious injury to two others yesterday morning.

The coolies were at work on one of the towers where the material for the making of concrete blocks for the sea wall is mixed, and sent down to the moulds. The structure collapsed suddenly, throwing the men a distance of about 30 feet, and they were buried under a mass of material.

Rescue work was done by a large gang and the unfortunate men were extricated after considerable labour. One of the men, however, had in his fall struck his head against a heavy iron hook and he died on the spot shortly after he was taken out. The other two, who also received severe injuries, were sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

CANTON COUP.
RELATED VERSION FROM PEKING.
ANTI-COMMUNISTS JAILED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 25.

Official telegrams state that General Chang Kai-shek carried out a coup d'etat in Canton and imprisoned Chinese and Russian Communists.

STEEL TRUST.
MANY OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME.
DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, March 25.

Interviewed by Reuter Herr Gerwin, Director of the German Steel Trust, admitted that a provisional agreement for a rail cartel had been reached in Paris, but the negotiations had to be resumed as many obstacles had to be overcome before a definite agreement could be concluded.

Herr Gerwin did not specify the obstacles, but it is understood that one is the allotment of export quotas between the various countries.

[An earlier reference to this will be found on page 11.]

PUBLISHER DEAD.
SIR HEDLEY LEBAS PASSES AWAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

The death is announced of Sir Hedley Lebas, Governing Director of the Caxton Publishing Company, Limited, at the age of 58 years.

[Sir Hedley Lebas was born and educated in Jersey. At 15 years of age he enlisted in the 15th Hussars, in which he served seven years in the ranks. He founded the Caxton Publishing Company in 1899. He was a Knight of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, Joint Hon. Secretary of the Prince of Wales Fund, a member of the National War Savings Committee, Hon. Treasurer of the English Golf Union, and Hon. Organiser of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund. He edited the Lord Kitchener Memorial Book and held the Royal Humane Society's award for saving life.]

MEXICAN LAWS.
DEADLOCK IN FOREIGN OIL INTERESTS.
DIPLOMATS CONFER.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, March 25.

It is understood that the conferences on oil interests with the Mexican Government have virtually reached a deadlock.

Mr. Edmund Ovey, the British Minister, called on Mr. James R. Sheffield, the American Minister, with whom it is believed he discussed the position.

DRUSE ATTACK.
KATTANA SURROUNDED AND SET ON FIRE.
FRENCH RETRIEVE POSITION.


(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 25.

It is reported from Beirut that numerous Druses attacked Kattana, south-west of Damascus, which they surrounded and set on fire. Four squadrons of cavalry supported by aircraft, counter-attacked the Druses, were repulsed and had to leave the place.

The Chinese land line route beyond Tientsin being restored telegrams from Mukden, Tientsin and other places in Manchuria have been accepted under normal conditions.

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CANTON MOVES.

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very few English in Hongkong, who learn Chinese and unless an Englishman can speak Chinese he is unlikely to acquire an insight into the manners and customs of the Chinese, perhaps not even such as will enable him to meet his English speaking Chinese acquaintance on equal terms.

A "Concord" Club?

In this matter I have a practical suggestion to make. The Hongkong Government is this year engaging some new cadet officers and they will probably arrive in Hongkong about November next and when they do arrive I hope to arrange that their instruction in Chinese shall be given by the Hongkong University and if that proves a success, I hope business firms engaging young men from Home in business will require them to go through a like course of training at the Hongkong University, such as will be pursued by our cadets. The Hongkong Government is a business concern and it pays us and it is essential for us that these men who we propose to train for responsible offices in the Government service should learn Chinese. Therefore, I put it to you that the same reasons apply to all business firms in Hongkong. (Applause).

Justly I venture to think that establishment of a social club in Hongkong which would be open both to Europeans and Chinese is long overdue, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than that the leaders of the European and Chinese communities should combine to found such a club and make it a success. We have both European Club and Chinese clubs but what I should like to see come to pass would be another Club—if the name please you "The Concord Club" and embodying something of the spirit of that name. (Loud applause).

Mr. Bailey's Tribute.

The meeting was then thrown open to discussion. Mr. W. S. Bailey said that the greatest credit was due to those responsible for the compilation of the report which was a model of good diction and arrangement and of moderate statements of facts.

He hoped that the difficulties now confronting the Colony would continue to be dealt with in the firm and wise manner which had been so ably set forth. (Applause).

The report and accounts were then approved and adopted. The Chairman said that before proceeding with the formal business he would like to convey the thanks of the meeting to His Excellency for his presence and for the extremely interesting address he had just delivered. His remarks would provide food for thought. (Applause).

The election by the Committee of Messrs. J. H. Backhouse and Co., Ltd., to membership of the Chamber was confirmed.

Trade Statistics.

The Chairman then introduced a discussion on the subject of the Chambers' request to the Government that the Statistical Department, closed last September, be re-established. He believed the Government's view was that the expense involved was not justified unless merchants could demonstrate that the Department was essential.

He regarded the Statistical Office much in the same light as the meteorological department. Neither department should be judged by the financial returns of its working. Just as meteorological reports were essential to shipping, so trade statistics were essential as an index of the Colony's trade, both to business firms in Hongkong and to Home manufacturers, to whom it was essential to know the trend of commerce and the directions from which competition was being experienced.

In fact he felt that the Government would be justified in asking for an Imperial contribution towards the cost, having regard to the value of the figures to the manufacturers of Great Britain.

He still contended that the Department ought to be run at considerable lower cost than the Government estimated.

Mr. G. W. Sewell doubted whether the expenditure on Statistics was justifiable, especially as Hongkong was purely a distributing centre. In his experience far more valuable—in fact all necessary—information could be obtained from Chinese brokers. Mr. Sewell also indulged in some humorous remarks about people with whom statistics were a disease.

"Not Worth Cost."

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang said he agreed with Mr. Sewell. The Government had admitted that figures supplied by the Statistical Department were inaccurate, and inaccurate figures were not worth paying for. He understood that only 247 copies of the Statistical Returns were purchased by merchants, and of these, 60 were bought by one firm.

Mr. G. M. Young said he looked upon a Colony calling itself a trading Colony and not keeping statistics in the same category as a firm which kept no books. (Heard, hear).

Mr. L. M. Whyte was of the opinion that the statistics should be resumed. He had found them extremely useful though he thought that the system of collecting them might be simplified by permitting firms

to make a weekly return instead of making a declaration in respect of each shipment, imported or exported.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes urged the re-establishment of the Department. He had found the statistics invaluable, and had often profited by the information to be derived from them. Without statistics merchants were in danger of allowing competing countries to get the better of them, and were working entirely in the dark. In his experience information to be obtained from brokers was not comparable in value to that afforded by trade statistics. We strongly supported the suggestion that the Department be revived, although he was of the opinion that it could be run on more efficient and more economical lines.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland pointed out that all members of the Piece-Goods Sub-Committee were in favour of the retention of the Trade Returns, and he personally attached great importance to it.

The Chairman, at the request of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang mentioned that the Shipping Sub-Committee had expressed an opinion adverse to the resumption of the Department.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden said he would like to be assured that the statistics could be more accurate before voting in favour of their resumption.

The following resolution was then put to the meeting:—That the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in annual meeting assembled, desire to express the opinion that it is of great importance to commercial interests that accurate statistics of trade be maintained and earnestly request the Colonial Government to re-establish the Statistical Department as soon as possible.

On a show of hands there were:—For, 36; Against, 13. The motion was declared carried.

Mr. Ferguson's Tribute.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson proposed the election of the following to the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. A. H. Barlow, W. H. Bell, D. G. M. Bernard, J. Owen Hughes, Paul Lauder, J. A. Plummer, T. G. Weall, and G. M. Young.

Mr. Ferguson paid a tribute to the hard work of the Committee during a year which had been probable one of the most difficult in the history of the Colony.

The members generally were greatly indebted to the Committee for the way in which they had looked after the general interests and had done everything possible to facilitate the settlement which they all hoped was in sight.

Mr. F. A. Perry seconded, and the motion was carried, the Chairman briefly acknowledging Mr. Ferguson's remarks on behalf of himself and the Committee.

Mr. Holyoak's Work.

Before the meeting dispersed, Mr. D. H. Cameron took the opportunity to move a special vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee for the strenuous work of the past year.

Mr. Holyoak was shortly going on leave on account of ill-health which had been largely brought about by the difficult and anxious duties which had fallen to his lot as Chairman of the Chamber during the last year. He hoped Mr. Holyoak would soon return in renewed health.

The meeting received the motion with loud applause. The Chairman thanked Mr. Cameron for his remarks and the Committee for their support during a year of exceptional difficulty.



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9. 35 Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 379.
10. 37A, 37B, 38, 38A, 39 and 40 Connaught Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
11. Stephen's Building situated on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
12. 7 Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 713.
13. 9 Shelley Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 119.
14. 44 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
15. 48 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
16. 4 Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 648.
17. 9 Mountain View, The Peak, on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 80.
18. 10 Mountain View, The Peak, on Section I of Rural Building Lot No. 80.
19. 5 Stewart Terrace, The Peak on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
20. 1 and 2 "Dikusha" situated on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 539.
21. 52,453 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 539.
22. 255 and 257 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 29.
23. 132, 134 and 136 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 29.
24. 162/180 (Even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 674.
25. 182/200 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
26. 202/220 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 878.
27. 2,375 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
28. 439, 441 and 443 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1518.
29. 531/563 (odd Numbers) Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
30. 647, 649 and 651 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.
31. 6,793 square feet of land being Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1081.

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NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, to MONDAY, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1926, (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1926, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

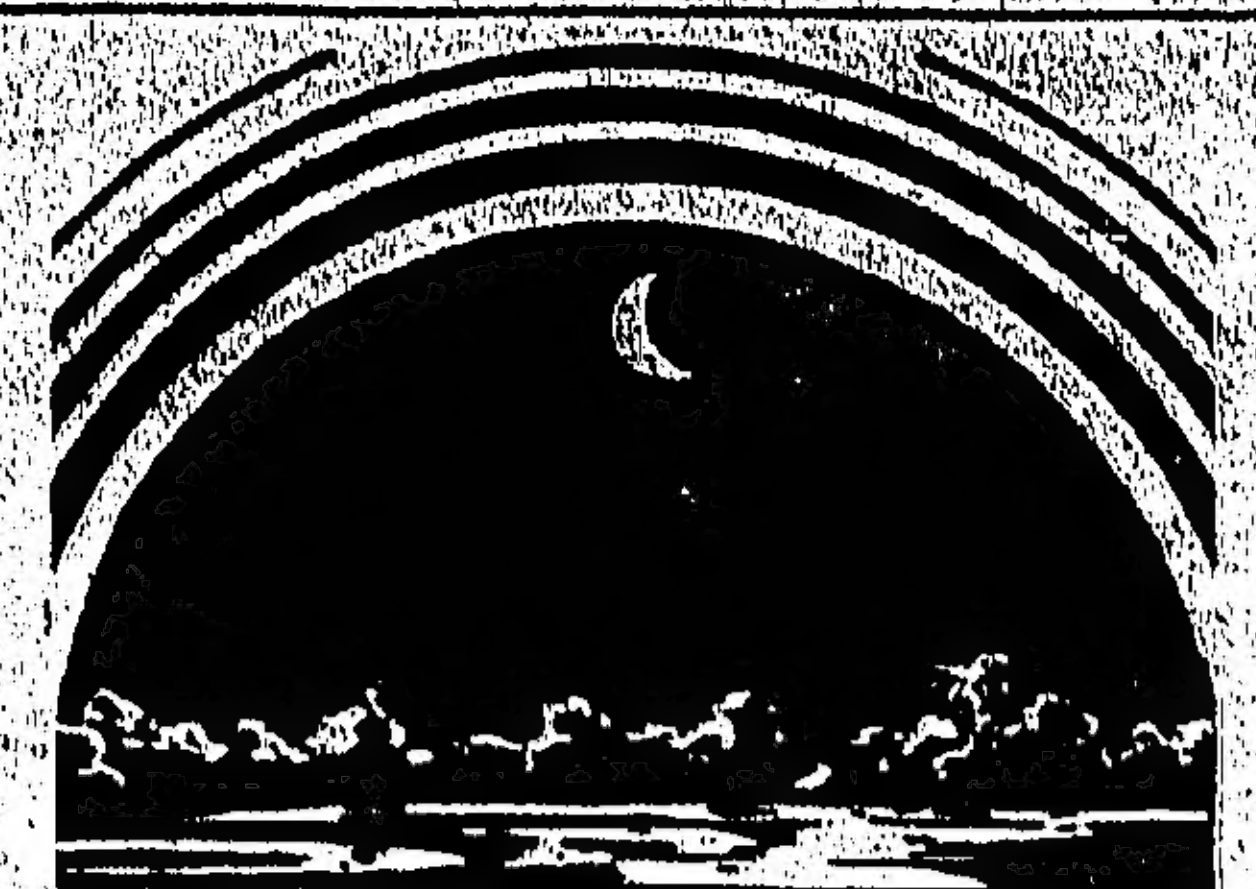
The first Ball will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Livestock & Davis at \$5. each up to Thursday, 1st April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hongkong, March 23, 1926.



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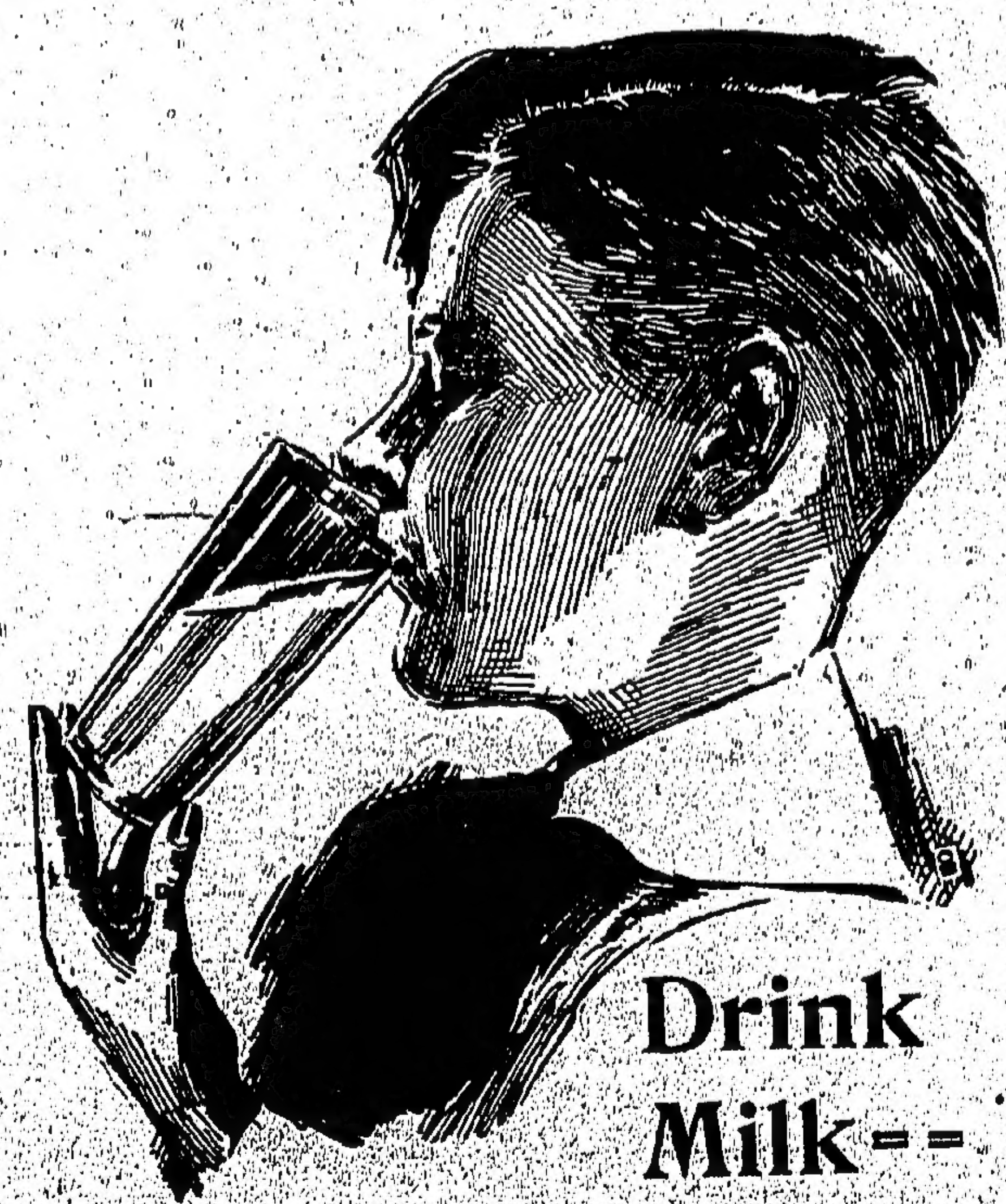
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"KALAN"	8,144	20th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,039	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,006	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,918	27th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALAN"	8,144	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,039	24th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,006	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,918	20th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALAN"	8,144	3rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"SANTHA"	7,754	18th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	25th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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Ship	Tons	From	Destination
"A. AFURA"	8,000	7th April	Manila, Kolambigan, Sandakan
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	14th April	Thursaday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANJA"	9,489	21st April	do
"ANAFURA"	8,000	28th April	do

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"MAEDONIA"	11,039	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SANTHA"	7,754	9th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PERIM"	7,848	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	23rd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,006	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	7th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KRYBER"	8,114	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,958	21st May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,918	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"MAEDONIA"	11,039	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"KASHGAR"	8,006	16th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,918	23rd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALAN"	8,144	30th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"MALWA"	10,918	20th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALAN"	8,144	27th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAEDONIA"	11,039	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,006	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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When she got there,
The Cupboard was bare,
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Contrasts, people by its modern-
ism. Certainly we have
advanced far in the drama. Con-
trast the last act or scene in "If"
with what took place in the old
days.

The final clearing-up was started
by a minor character, who, stepping
forward, remarked to the conduc-
tor of the orchestra:—

Though sometimes we may doubt
Fate's stern decree,
Yet villains fail, and all their
agents flee!
The handcuffed scoundrel gave
his lines over the shoulder:—
"Curses on you and all your
damned acts!"

You've had the best of me; I'll
pay my debt,
And was howled for his candour.
The French governess, who had
committed forgery and attempted
murder, said with a winning air:
"Forgive me, who led away by
zoe!"

Did grievous sin; your pardon
ere she goes."

Mr. Barfield in "History
Changing in England Words" shows
Words, how word meanings, in
some instances, have be-
come entirely changed with the
passage of time. Here are several
examples:—

"Virtual," which used to be the
opposite of "actual," is now the
same.

"Subjective" used to mean "exist-
ing in itself"; it now means "exist-
ing in human consciousness," and
is constantly used in a sense the
exact opposite of its old meaning.

"Intrigue" used merely to mean
"complexity."

The word "Sport" is French
"disport," but Frenchmen have
to-day so completely forgotten it
that they use the English corrup-
tion of their own native word and
talk of "le sport."

"Forlorn hope" is a transla-
tion of the Dutch "Verloren hoop,"
"lost army," and has nothing to do
with hope at all.

"Vampire" is a term of Slavonic
mythology which has crossed to
America, turned into the name of
a blood-sucking bat and then in an
abbreviated form into a name for
an undesirable young lady.

"Mistress" and "Madam" have
both taken on sinister significances
in some contexts quite alien to
their original meanings. We agree
with Mr. Hodgson when he says
"And, generally, there is probably
something in Kropotkin's theory
that words grow, as it were, dull
and dirty with use and lose their
original brightness. The more rea-
son for books like this to polish
them up again."

The magic word "press"
Press, has obtained admission for
many a journalist to places
for which other people would re-
quire a ticket. One morning an
Italian organ-grinder was perform-
ing outside the house of Mr.
Bernard Shaw. The man touched
his hat when Mr. Shaw went out,
but, the critic merely said, "Press,"
and walked on.

A New York firm ap-
peared, plied to Lincoln some
years before he became
President for information as to
the financial standing of one of his
neighbours. This was the answer:
"Yours of the tenth received.
First of all, he has a wife and
baby; together they ought to be
worth \$500,000 to any man.
Secondly, he has an office in which
there is a table worth \$150 and
three chairs worth, say, \$10. Last
of all, there is in one corner a large
rat-hole, which will bear looking
into."

Respectfully,
"A. LINCOLN."

Just 100 years ago, so
it is said in France, a
Machine, poor French tailor,
Barthélemy Thimonnier,
invented the first sewing machine.
Certainly he did not profit by his
discovery. It was a long time be-
fore his idea was taken up. Other
inventors, Walter Hunt, in New
York and Elias Howe, in London,
made more or less successful ex-
periments, and finally the sewing
machine was popularised towards
the middle of last century by Isaac
Merritt Singer. But it was long
before 1851 that Thimonnier work-
ed at the construction of a sewing
machine—it was in 1826. Very
little is known of the French tailor;
no portrait of him exists. His
machine was not essentially differ-
ent from the machine that is used
to-day. It was, however, smashed
by an angry crowd of tailors, who
regarded it as something which
would "deprive them of work and
of bread."

Edgar Wallace is prob-
ably the best writer
Minded, of "mystery" stories
living. How he does
them and where he gets his ideas
perplex his readers. Here is a con-
fession and a bit from real life:—
"I am criminally minded, and
there are very few dodges of the
average criminal which I could not
do better. In fact, if things go
badly I have the means of earning
a good living at my fingertips."

It was a very cruel beginning
for me to leave school at
the age of 11½ and to go into
the world, without any sound
education beyond a good knowl-
edge of Macbeth.

I started selling "Echoes" at
the corner of Ludgate-circus, and
the only way I could keep myself
warm was by reciting the quarrel
scene between Cassius and Brutus
in "Julius Caesar" until I became
hot with indignation.

He did not think any young
man was better equipped for a
writer than one who had gone
through the mills of London.

IDEALS OF EDUCATION.

The publication of the annual
report of the Rhodes trustees,
which shows that there were 186
Rhodes overseas scholars at Oxford
last year, derived almost equally
from the British Dominions and
the United States, recalls attention
to the unique educational ideals
which underlay Cecil Rhodes' will.
It is probably not an exaggeration
to say that Mr. Rhodes' Foundation
still holds the field as having be-
hind it the most profound and the
most interesting vision of what
could be accomplished by a great
educational trust.

Rhodes' ultimate ideal was to
bring about a closer unity between
the English-speaking peoples, to
which he later added Germany, as
being the most certain way of
securing the advance of civilisation
and lasting peace on earth.
He saw that the most effective road
to that end was not politics, but
education truly conceived. He was
convinced that, if his scholars were
brought under the influence of the
noblest ideas, they could not fail
to be inspired by the same zeal and
objects as himself.

He therefore divided his scheme
into two parts. On the one side he
instructed his trustees to select
young men who, in competition with
one another, had come out on top
under certain very severe tests.
They had to be men of intellectual
ability, physical health and
activity, moral character, and pos-
sessed of instincts of leadership
and of interest in their fellow men.
These were the tests which he laid
down as indicating true manhood.
It would not be easy to better
them (says the "Christian Science
Monitor").

On the other side, he provided
the financial means whereby the

men selected on these lines could
go to Oxford for three years, par-
tially to become acquainted with one
another, and partly to receive the
higher education which he thought
would best qualify them to under-
stand and help to solve the vast
world problems which he saw were
inevitably coming up to the
English-speaking peoples to be
dealt with.

Rhodes' educational ideals were
quite simple. Education had for
its ultimate end public service;
thus he expressed the hope in his
will that his scholars "would
esteem the performance of public
duties as their highest aim in af-
ter life." The qualities which he
sought to elicit in his scholars
were fourfold. First, the capacity
to think and reason for themselves;
secondly, fidelity to the moral
virtues, which he defined as fol-
lows: "truth, courage, devotion to
duty, sympathy for and protection
of the weak, kindness, unselfish-
ness and fellowship"; thirdly, the
instincts for leadership, which he
interpreted as an active interest in
and love for his fellowmen; and,
lastly, activity and health of body.

There is surely little doubt that
if the Rhodesian system, which
Rhodes founded can turn out every
year some sixty or seventy men who
have these qualities, who have
rubbed shoulders with their fellows
from other lands in one of the most
ancient and famous places of learn-
ing, and who leave Oxford imbued
with a zeal to work for world unity
and world peace in such ways as
they can in their own lands, they
cannot fail in due time to have an
immense influence in helping to
bring about that civilised, pro-
gressive, peaceful and law-abiding
world of which Cecil Rhodes
dreamed.

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BIRTH.

MILLAR.—At Malacca, on March
15, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs.
G. R. M. Millar, a son.

DEATH.

O'HARA.—At General Hospital,
Seremban, on March 13,
1926, Vivian Lawrence Walsh
O'Hara, Forest Officer, Kuala
Pilah, Negri Sembilan.

Hongkong, Friday, March 26, 1926.

CONCORD IN THE COLONY.

Loud applause greeted a state-
ment made by His Excellency the
Governor in the course of his
address at the annual meeting of
the General Chamber of Com-
merce yesterday afternoon. This
was his reference to the establish-
ment of a social Club open to both
Chinese and non-Chinese—the
establishment of which he con-
sidered had been long overdue.
Nothing would give him greater
pleasure, he added, than that the
leaders of the Chinese and non-
Chinese communities of this
Colony should combine to found
such a Club and to make it a suc-
cess. What he should like to see
now was a Club that might per-
haps be called "The Concord Club"
and would embody the spirit of
that name.

On the eve of what many con-
sider to be the fresh starting
point in the relations of the
Chinese and non-Chinese in this
Colony and the adjacent city of
Canton, His Excellency's sugges-
tion—or rather reminder of what
has so often been talked about in
terms of superlatives without
anything more concrete being
forthcoming—is as timely as it is
praiseworthy. The more one
stays in the Far East the greater
becomes the foreigners' respect
for the national virtues and traits
of the Chinese and the more
ashamed, if such a confession may
be permitted, one becomes of
some of the national defects in the
foreigners' character and tem-
perament. Conversely, there is,
although we do say so, much in
the virtues of the non-Chinese
community that have evoked the
sincere admiration of our Chinese
friends. The gap between the
two can be, as it has been hun-
dreds of times before in the
Colony's history, easily bridged by
a frank recognition of each other's

good points and inherent fail-
ing: by a readiness to sink all
differences on the common ground
of mutual trust and goodwill; by
an honest desire to drink together
"the loving cup of Locarno"; and
to treat each other as "hail fellow,
well met" in our social and com-
mercial dealings. "Tis love that
makes the world go round," say
a popular and catchy song oft
heard at the festive board at the
moment. Which is merely a
paraphrase of the older couplet
proclaiming "Behold how good a
thing it is and how becoming well,
together such as brethren are in
unity to dwell." That unity is the
"concord" which His Excellency
the Governor undoubtedly had in
mind when he expressed the
desire for a social Club to be
founded, open to Chinese and non-
Chinese, and to be called "The
Concord Club."

However fraternal have been
the relations of the Chinese and
the foreigners in the Colony in
the past—and the truly magni-
ficent war work and war help of
the local Chinese will ever be a
sweet memory to treasure—"The
Concord Club" would of a surety
set the permanent seal on the
mutual friendship that has exist-
ed since first Hongkong was
founded as one of the outposts of
Empire. It would serve to take
each away from the beaten track
besprinkled with the "almighty
dollar" and nothing but "the
almighty dollar." It would enable
each to meet on the same level as
co-members of a great social in-
stitution where there would be a
passport to each other's finer feel-
ings and social instincts. In short,
it would be but the stepping
stone to an era of mutual goodwill
and concord that could not but
tend to the uplifting of the whole
community. In no idle and mean-
ingless phrase it may be asked:
"What about it?"

SPEAKING GENTLY.

Be gentle and keep your voice
low is the idealistic advice of an
American writer. The idea that
authority can be maintained by
the ruthless use of censorious
words, is being disputed. The
piper may have a right to call the
tune but the nature of the call
is an important part of the situa-
tion. It is the unbridled use of
authority—real or imagined—which
has caused much suffering
in the world, not a little discon-
tent, and has been responsible for
such irresponsible things as
strikes. The ungentle tone of
voice between strangers—the one
adopting a superior tone or atti-
tude by reason of the position
occupied by the person called upon
to serve. The British Premier
illustrates what we are getting at
Says he: "I have seen ladies—I
use a generic term, in shops
addressing girls in a manner
which I should be sorry to do
myself. For every time I have
sinned in that way I think ten
pounds would be a suitable pen-
ance." "A suitable penance" in
Hongkong would find a majority
of us in the Bankruptcy Court.
We may pride ourselves that our
verbal contact with shop assis-
tants is as it should be. But is it
—has it been—with the larger
number of those who, as servants

say, come under our authority?
We lay our sins of omission—even
of commission—to the climate, to
the misunderstandings caused by
a faint knowledge—in fact no
knowledge—of the language, and
perhaps make no effort to improve
what can be improved by the
exercise of a little patience.
Authority—superiority, if it is
insisted on—can easily be main-
tained, and maintained with re-
spect, by the exercise of gentility
of conduct and conversation.....
Be gentle and keep your voice low.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A RADIO COMPLAINT.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Considering ourselves re-
presentative of a large group of
sorely tried radio amateurs whose
patience has been subjected to
severe and objectionable use dur-
ing the past ten days or so, we
ask you to be good enough to find
space in your columns for a well
justified complaint.

For the past week or so it has
been impossible to receive the
Shanghai broadcasts on any valve
set due to the interference by a
Super Heterodyne set which is be-
ing operated in the Colony. The
usage of this set has been respon-
sible for nullifying any enjoyment
which might have been expected
from any efficient set which may be
operated without interfering with
other receivers in the vicinity.

A Super Heterodyne is built for
and made to be used on an indoor
aerial or loop when its efficiency is
100%. Its work cannot be im-
proved by using an out-door aerial
and in addition it then constitutes
a miniature transmitting set, filling
the air with a gruesome medley of
squawks, groans and whistling
which, not only render it impossible
for the Super Heterodyne to receive
the broadcast but, make it impos-
sible for other amateurs to operate
their sets satisfactorily.

One Super Het is sufficient to re-
ceive hundreds of other receivers of
their enjoyment; it would not be
saying too much to say that it is
impossible for any other receiver
to work in the Colony while the
Super Het is operating. It is too
bad that one person should be
allowed to ruin the enjoyment of
hundreds of others. Were he to
operate such a set in a like manner
in Great Britain, or in the United
States he would soon find that his
actions were not appreciated and
that his activities would soon come
to a finish.

Such actions as the operation of
a Super Het on an outdoor aerial
are obnoxious, because it ruins
the enjoyment of others without
improving the receiving power of
the offending set.

Among most amateurs it is an
unwritten law that unnecessary
oscillation should be obviated so as
to prevent interference with other
adjacent receivers. This practice
does not seem to be existent in the
Colony as much as it might be.
Might I ask the offending Super
Het owner to use his set as it was
designed to be used, and not to take
away the enjoyment of others.

Yours, etc.

Amplify.

Hongkong, March 25.

THEY SAY THAT—

The world is full of clever
fools.—Mr. E. D. Cuming.

To see women smoking cigar-
ettes scandalises me not at all.—
Father Ronald Knox.

There is never the slightest
difficulty in getting money for in-
judicious prosecutions.—Lord
Hugh Cecil.

Anybody can be a host, but it
requires a dash of genius to be a
successful guest.—Miss Evelyn
Sharp.

I do not want to see a County
Councillor's position reduced to
that of a mere M.P.—Councillor
W. S. Lane.

Australia is bound to become
within 100 years one of the great
Powers of the world.—Viscount
Barnham.

Eugenics is the stepchild of
politics. It deals only in long
views, and fares badly in conse-
quence.—Professor Julian Huxley.

Many people take their impres-
sion of a policeman from the
policeman of the pantomime and
the comic paper.—Sir Leonard
Dunning.

The ordinary fare provided at
the average political reception
would drive a Sunday school
treat into open revolt.—Com-
mander Kenworthy.

Keep It Handy.

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NOT A TRAGEDY.

GENEVA A "TEMPORARY IMPEDIMENT."

LEAGUE NO SUPER-STATE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 25.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was to-day presented with the freedom of the City of London at the Guilds Hall.

Acknowledging the honour paid to him by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation he dealt at length with his work at Locarno and Geneva. He said that the Treaty of Locarno was due to no one nation. It was the result of the effective co-operation of many men and many nations. Let them remember that the first start upon the path which led them there was taken by two great and far-seeing German statesmen, and was brought to its fruition by the generous and broad-minded policy of a great Frenchman.

Sudden and Severe Test.

"It is true," proceeded Sir A. Chamberlain, "that last week a cloud has passed across the Locarno sun. Difficulties—unexpected difficulties—arose at Geneva in the way of the consummation of our work. The strength of its foundations and the reality of purpose lying behind it were all submitted to a sudden and severe test. It is some consolation to think that the work emerged not merely unharmed but strengthened; that the feeling which had brought us to Locarno and which formed our discussions there, was fortified by every obstacle that we encountered; and that, if there were one thing clearer than another as a result of the conversations, secret or public, that took place at Geneva, it was that seven great nations, who had sealed the pact of peace, were determined to keep their word, pursue their policy, and allow no unexpected interruption to impede the good work in which they were engaged."

First Bitterness.

"When all the difficulties among ourselves had been removed; when we again set out upon the proposal to fulfil our peaceful policy; and when, nevertheless, we were unable to secure that unanimity in the Council which is a fundamental basis of the existence of the League, I claimed in the first bitterness of my disappointment that it was a tragedy. I think I used exaggerated language. I am more confident of the strength of the League, and of the world-wide appreciation of its purpose, than to allow myself to be discouraged by such a temporary impediment."

Fifty Nations Equals.

The League was in its infancy, and the wonder was not that on this occasion unanimity was not secured, but that this was the first time in its short history when a divergence of opinion had hindered its work.

Sir A. Chamberlain emphasised that the League numbered fifty nations, who stood as equals, and that compromise must be the spirit of the League. The League was not a super-State, and anyone who tried to make it a super-State would destroy it.

Beware of Barriers.

He said: "I do not doubt that in time the present difficulties will be solved. I do not doubt that with goodwill these and many other problems will be overcome. We must avoid on one side or the other the setting up of barriers made by agreements before we meet at Geneva."

Sir A. Chamberlain concluded with the hope that when his work was over he would be judged by two great efforts for the peace in which he had had a hand and by the part which he had played in reconciling two great international forces.

JIGSAW PUZZLE.

Prime Minister's Simile.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 25.

In proposing the health of Sir Austen Chamberlain at the subsequent luncheon in the Mansion House, Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, expressed his great respect and deep affection for Sir Austen Chamberlain.

He dwelt on the drudgery of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in trying to solve "a perpetual jigsaw puzzle with live pieces, each one of which when he fits it in has one in his place, and when he fits it in the moment is gone."

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was engaged for the game of "Etonic" at the Eton Club, was not present.

COAL COMMISSION.

OWNERS AND MINERS IN CONFERENCE.

SURVEYING THE POSITION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 25.

Coal owners and miners have lost no time in entering upon a consideration of the points on which they must agree between themselves before the Prime Minister's promise to give effect to the Coal Commission's report becomes operative.

The Executives of both parties met separately to-day for a preliminary consultation, and they came together in a joint conference this afternoon.

The miners' Executive invited proposals from the coal owners, but, after a brief discussion, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting to enable both sides to survey the position.

WORLD LAW.

CODE PREPARED FOR BIG COMMISSION.

Washington, March 12.—The

draft of a code of private international law for consideration by the international commission of jurists, which is to meet at Rio de Janeiro, has been submitted to the governing board of the Pan-American Union.

Under the terms of the resolution adopted at Santiago, Chile, each of the republics of the American continent will appoint two representatives on the commission of jurists and the results of the deliberations of the commission will be submitted to the Sixth Pan-American Conference scheduled to meet in Havana, Cuba, in 1928.

In acknowledging receipt of the draft code of private international law, Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and chairman of the governing board of the Pan-American Union, said:

"It is a happy circumstance that, when the International Commission of Jurists meets at Rio de Janeiro, the members will find ready for them the valuable drafts prepared by the American Institute of International Law. In spite of any differences of opinion that may develop relative to details, the preparation of these drafts of conventions marks an important step forward in inter-American relations."

"Community of standards in public and private international law represents an important factor in the development of closer international relations. The governing board, therefore, owes a very real debt of gratitude to the American Institute of International Law for the important services which they have rendered and I am certain that in formulating what is in your mind when I have given my expression to this sense of obligation."

The code consists of 485 articles, together with a draft convention on the subject. Accompanying the code are also an introduction written by Mr. Antonio Bustamante, of Cuba—judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice, who is the principal author of the code; and the report of the institute's committee to the president of the American Institute of International Law.

Subjects dealt with in the code are nationality and naturalisation, marriage and divorce, guardianship, community property, wills, inheritance, leases, corporations, bailments, prescription, carriers, insurance, bills of exchange, airships, criminal law, extradition, letters rogatory, evidence, insolvency, foreign judgments.

temporary set-back, but the faults that had been committed would be wiped out in the Autumn. (Cheers.) Sir Austen Chamberlain was making the League of Nations an integral part of the foreign policy of Great Britain, and he was the best friend of the League in Europe. (Cheers.)

FUTURE CONSTITUTION.

Commission to Meet at Geneva on May 10.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 25.

It is understood that the first meeting of the League of Nations Commission set up to consider questions relating to the future constitution of the League Council will be held in Geneva on May 10. It will consist of ten members representing States on the Council, and five members representing the League of Nations.

The Commission will be presided over by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. S. Baldwin.

NEUTRALITY CLAIMS.

SEIZURE OF GOODS DURING THE WAR.

AMERICA'S STANDPOINT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Mar. 25.

After conferring with Mr. F. Kellogg, Secretary of State, Senator Borah declared that some of the claims of Americans against Great Britain and France, arising from the seizure of goods during the war whilst America was neutral, should and would be paid.

[A New York cablegram of March 20 stated: The Washington correspondent of the "Times" understands that Mr. Kellogg has requested Senator Borah to withhold temporarily his efforts to press his resolution calling on the State Department for information regarding presenting the claims of American citizens against the British Government for losses and damage to property through the operation of the British blockade in war time. Mr. Kellogg, it is believed, based his request on the ground that he desires time to enquire into such claims before acting.]

FRENCH FINANCE.

BUDGET NOW READY FOR SENATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 25.

The Chamber adopted by 415 votes to 128 the revenue section of the Budget. The expenditure side was voted in the Autumn session.

The entire 1926 Budget is now ready to go to the Senate.

The Socialists have decided to oppose the Government's financial proposals to make up the deficit of nearly five milliard francs.

REPULSE BAY DANCE.

The dance orchestra of R.M.S.

"Franconia," under the leadership of Mr. Harold Woodlands, played at the Repulse Bay Hotel during dinner dances last night.

In spite of counter attractions, and very short notice, most of the tables were engaged before 8.30 p.m.

The music was superb—it was undoubtedly one of the finest orchestras Hongkong has heard for a long time. The waltzes were played so beautifully that seven of eight encores were given each time before the dancers were satisfied.

From 11 p.m. to midnight, the dancers returned to leave the floor and the orchestra most cheerfully played continuously for one hour.

It was a very successful evening and the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., are to be congratulated on their having afforded the public such a musical treat.

The Colony had another "nil" return of notifiable disease on Thursday.

A Chinese youth who was before the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of possession of a constable's seal and impersonating a police officer was sentenced this morning to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Two White Russians manning a motor boat belonging to Mr. Bunbury were wounded by rifle fire from a strike picket launch on the Canton River. They were brought to Hongkong by the s.s. "Fatahan" yesterday and an ambulance conveyed them to the Government Civil Hospital.

"Now, children," said the teacher, trying to give a mental picture of a barrel, "the object I have in mind is large and round, and, if laid on its side at the top of a hill, it would roll clear to the bottom. Now, what is it?"

"All right, Bessie," said the teacher when a small hand shot up, "what was I describing?"

"The principal."

"Patron: 'Is this prune pie or raisin pie?'"

"Waiter: 'Can't you tell by the taste?'"

"Patron: 'No.'"

"Waiter: 'That's what difference does it make?'"

JURY'S RIGHTS.

TROUBLE OVER A VERDICT.

A "RIDER" REFUSED.

Would Hongkong jurors take the same stand in similar circumstances as recorded below?

A curious situation arose at the inquest at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, on Mr. Edward Charles Ingram Richards, the brewer's traveller who was shot dead in his garden in the early hours of December 24. John Lincoln, 23, a bombardier in the Royal Horse Artillery, a son of Trebitsch Lincoln, the ex-M.P. for Darlington, was sentenced to death at Wiltshire Assizes for the murder of Mr. Richards.

Bombardier Ian Marvell Stewart, who was acquitted on the charge of murdering Richards, stood remanded on a charge of breaking into Richards's house.

Mr. A. L. Forrester, coroner, said that since the adjournment a person who was not named in that court had been convicted and sentenced for the murder of Mr. Richards, but it would be necessary for the court to be closed in some way and for a verdict to be returned. He suggested to the jury that they should return a verdict on the facts found at that court—that Richards was shot by a person who was not identified and against whom no evidence was heard in that particular court, and that would prevent any indictment to the assizes.

JUROR OBJECTS.

One of the jurymen said he could not understand the procedure suggested. He strongly objected to an adjourned court having to agree with the verdict of another court against their own convictions.

The Coroner: "I did not know you had come to any convictions. You had better retire."

The jury did so, and after an absence of a few minutes the foreman asked whether the jury could have their obligations read over to them as to what they were exactly expected to do.

The Coroner: "Yes. How, when, where, and by what means Richards came by his death."

Mr. Forrester added that the jury had nothing whatever to do with the proceedings in any other court, and could only return a verdict in accordance with the evidence they had actually heard. He could take the verdict of the majority or adjourn the matter to the assizes for the judge to advise them as to what verdict they should return, but that was absolutely unnecessary.

RIDER REFUSED.

The jury again retired, and on returning the foreman said: "The decision of the jury is a verdict of Murder through shot wounds by persons—'He added, 'We should like to add a rider.'"

The Coroner: "You cannot do that. You cannot add a rider to a verdict of this sort."

The Foreman: "Cannot we express our opinion? No, certainly not. It would be illegal. You can say after the word 'persons' 'not identified by the jury' if you like."

Another juror said: "We are of opinion that there has been a grave miscarriage of justice."

ABSOLUTELY IRREGULAR.

Mr. Forrester: "You have no business to talk of a grave miscarriage of justice when the case has been tried by a higher court. The thing is absolutely irregular. It may be your private personal opinion, but it is no good expressing it that way. Do you agree to persons not identified by the jury being added to your verdict?"

The Foreman: "Yes, I do."

The Coroner: "That is perfectly sensible verdict."

Having filed in the verdict on the customary form, Mr. Forrester was about to close the court when another juror asked if it was absolutely right that it was illegal for them to express any opinion whatever.

The coroner interrupted him by saying: "As coroner for this district I do not record riders. I have been coroner for twenty-two years and have never recorded a rider and never shall."

A juror: "But we are at liberty to tell you our opinion."

The Coroner: "No, certainly not. A juror so long as the Press knows that we are not allowed to express our opinions."

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Too much Charleston put pretty Ruth Conoley in a New York hospital. Doctor diagnosed her case as water on the knee and has forbidden her to dance for a long time.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 26—Queen's Theatre:

"Menna Vanna."

March 26—World Theatre:

"The Marriage Circle."

March 26—Star Theatre: "The Hunted Woman."

April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Sports.

March 27—Hongkong University

Athletic Sports meeting on University Ground, Pokfulam, 2.30 p.m.

April 8—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 2.30 p.m.

April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase meeting at Kwai Tung race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

November 6—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auctions.

March 29—At No. 4, Glenealy, by

Lammert Bros., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

March 30—Valuable collection of postage stamps at Lammert's sales room, 5.15 p.m.

Company Meetings.

March 27—Ferry-boat meeting of

A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 25—Annual meeting of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., at 2, Queen's Buildings, noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 26—Extraordinary meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Institution.

March 27—South end of Pedder Street closed to vehicular traffic until further notice from the C.S.F.

March 28—Annual meeting of the Hongkong S.S.C.A. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Display of singing, dancing and recitation by pupils of Peak School, at the Peak Club, 6.15 p.m.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1897, 1898, and 1899.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon, but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 26 to April 1, 1926.

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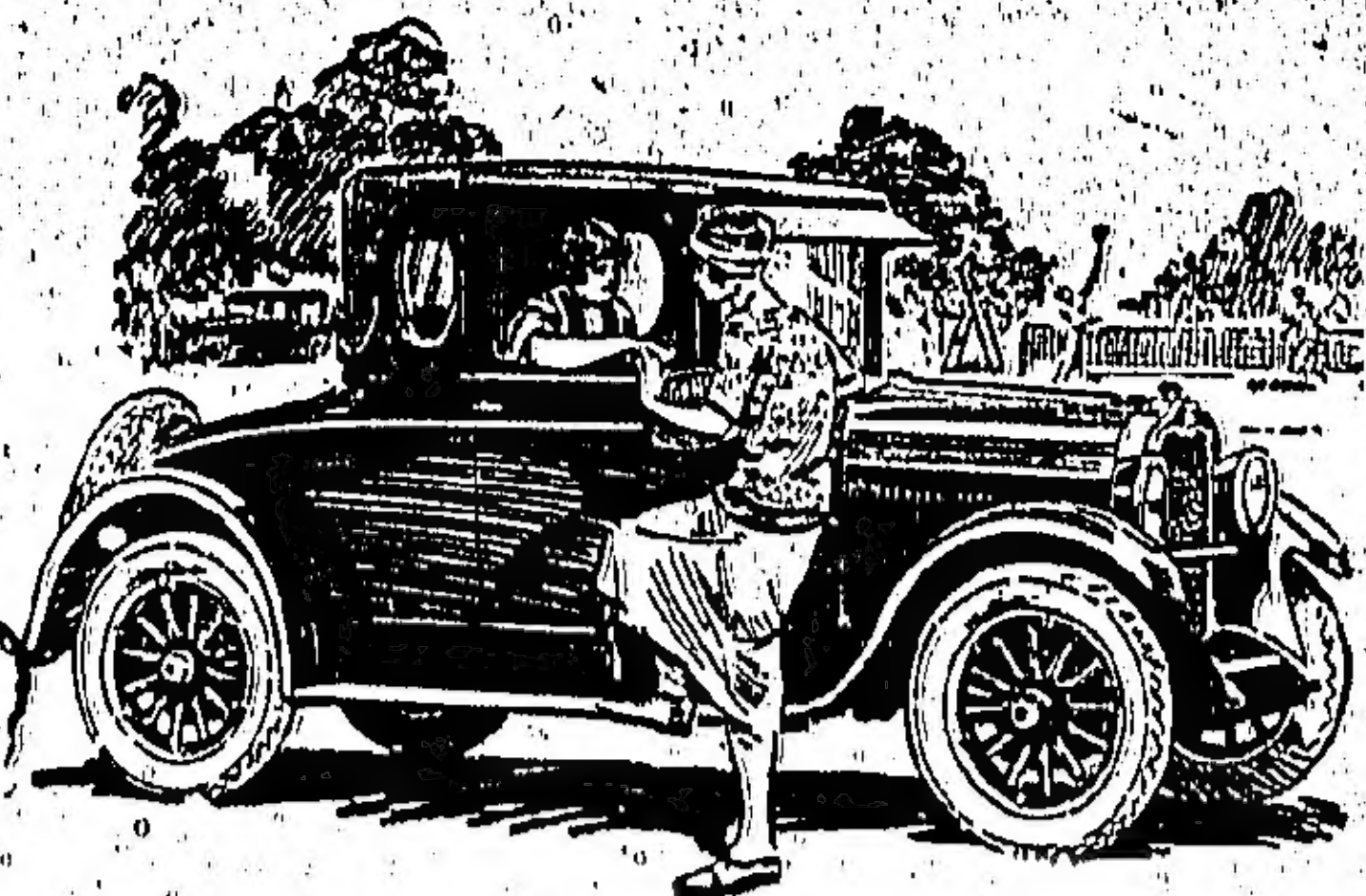
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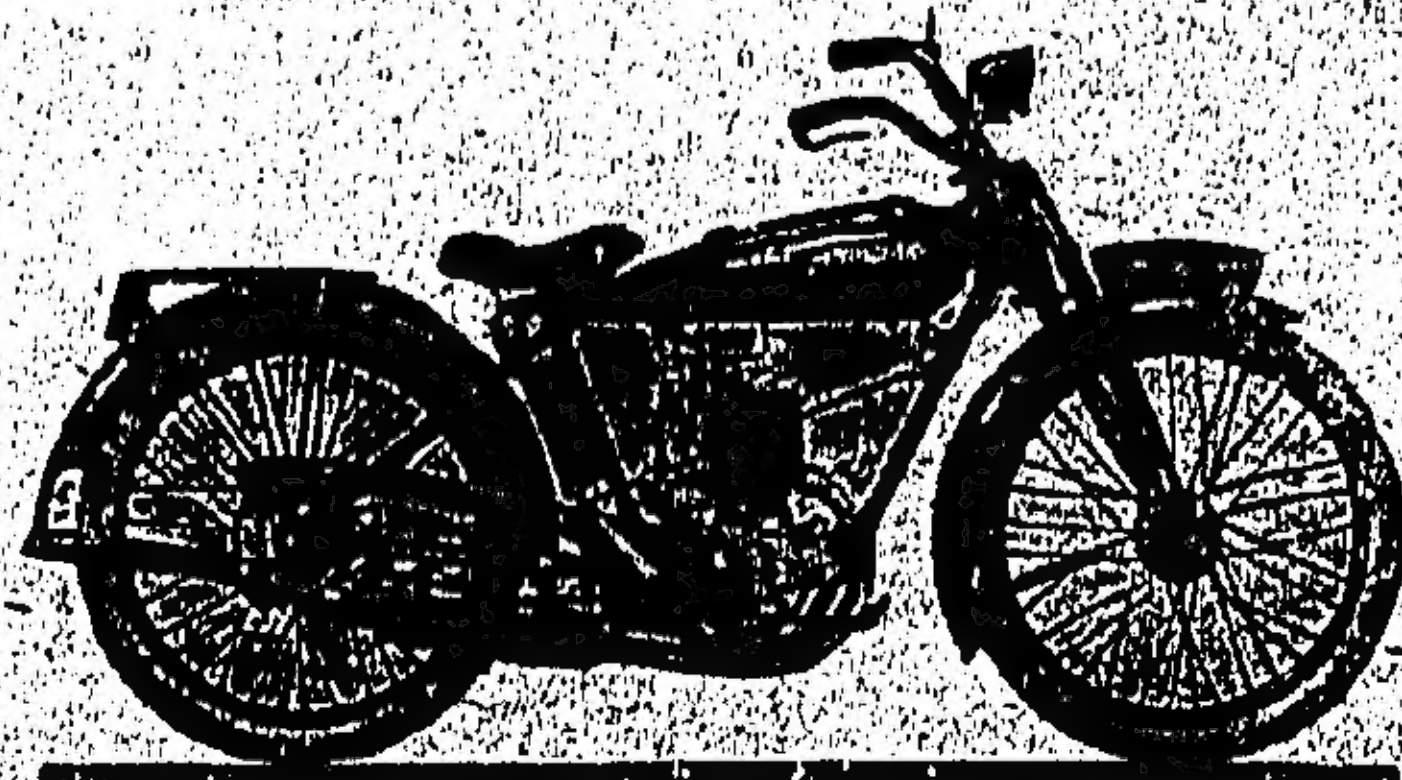
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Undelivered cargo, viz. City of Valencia remaining in the Godown after April 1, will be subject to rent.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and district will be closed on April 2 and 3.

Details of the Easter Meeting of the Farling Hunt Steeplechases will be found in an advertisement on another page.

The Oxford University Press are adding to their World's Classics the Revised Version of the Apocrypha. The text will not be divided into verses, but will be in the format of an ordinary book.

A man in Great Winchester Street, London, touches an electric key, and in La Salle Street, Chicago, U.S.A., a tiny glass finger writes on a moving tape a curious zigzag line. This line is a message coming over one of the longest cable circuits in the world. In distance, as the cable-gang travels, La Salle Street is 5,500 miles from Great Winchester Street; but in time it is just across the way. Within one-thousandth of a second the electric impulse, started in London, has reached Chicago with its signal.

Blood test to identify descendants of those who crossed the Atlantic in the "Mayflower" or to expose fake survivors of the Light Brigade will soon be possible if experiments of Dr. E. Manoff, Russian blood specialist, are extended, this scientist claims. The adage "blood will tell" is literally true, Dr. Manoff says. Though his experiments have been limited to European blood, he asserts that by blood analyses he can tell a Chinese from a Japanese, a German from a Pole. Out of 1882 Russians and Jews whose ancestry had been traced, Dr. Manoff said that his tests enabled him to distinguish between the two races with 88 per cent. accuracy.

The Colony had a clean health report on Wednesday.

Mr. C. L. C. Sandes has taken over management of the Mercantile Bank of India in place of Mr. J. E. Ross who has gone home on leave of absence.

The police have closed the South-end of Pedder Street, until further notice, to vehicular traffic from Sunday first. Motor cars may use Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road during this period.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at Central Magistrate yesterday, a Shantung constable was sentenced to two months' hard labour for misconducting himself by leaving his post of duty. His record showed that he had been two years in the force and had been reported twenty times for various offences.

The mystery ship which failed to signal Wagon lighthouses, and which H.M.S. "Durban" left Hongkong at night to search for, has turned out to be the Chinese s.s. "Ting On" of Canton. As conjectured, she had been pirated. Her captors were making for Bias Bay, where they ultimately landed their spoils, after being unable to make the shore for three days on account of bad weather. The skipper was a Russian, who was allowed considerable liberty (under surveillance) by the pirates.

A test which revealed great credit on the builders (the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) was carried out at Kowloon Dock yesterday of the new fire boat for the Government, particulars of which were first published in the "China Mail" some time ago. There were present the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P. and Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade), Captain H. F. Bloxham (A.S.P.), Mr. H. T. Brooks (Superintendent), Mr. R. M. Austin (Chief of the firemen volunteers), representatives of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (agents for Merryweather's) and of the Dock Co.'s staff.

Figures for 1925 show an increase of barely 3½ per cent. in the number of telephones in use in England. The total has risen to about 1,357,500, an increase of 118,900.

Its 6,000th trip for her owners (the China Navigation Co., Ltd.) was completed yesterday by the s.s. "Fatahan" which has done about half a million miles on the river run (in conjunction with the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.).

The total value of the commercial fruit production of Canada in 1925 is placed at \$25,553,212, compared with \$25,508,340 in 1924. Production of commercial apples is estimated at 3,580,770 barrels of the value of \$20,057,417.

A hitherto unknown edition of the Sarum Book of Hours (1494), the edition of Gray's "Elegy," in which one of the stanzas appears for the first time, and a scarce poem of Dryden's, "To My Lord Chancellor," are recent acquisitions to the British Museum.

Goods dispatched by aeroplane in Europe and America are now insured at a lower rate than when sent by either road, rail or boat, while passengers also pay only a small premium. "As safe as aviation" may yet become a popular slogan as the public gains the faith now held by insurance folk.

"There are at least four hymns which should be excluded from every hymn-book," said Dr. Percy Dearmer, Dr. Dearmer, with Dr. Vaughan Williams and Mr. Martin Shaw, is responsible for a new hymn-book called "Songs of Praise." The hymns which he would ban are:—

"A few more years shall roll,"
"Weary of earth and laden with my sin,"
"Days and moments quickly flying,"
"The voice that breathed o'er Eden."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Hugh Clifford, the Governor of Ceylon, is said to be working fourteen hours a day.

Mr. A. W. Cosser has been re-elected President, and Messrs. Kirby and Cain and Messrs. Ritchie, Owens, V. B. Wilson, and P. B. Brown elected the committee of the Kobe Tennis Club.

Mr. Vivien O'Hara, Forest Officer at Pahang who was admitted into Hospital in an unconscious condition, has since died. The funeral was attended by members of the Forest Department.

Kedah is to have a permanent Supreme Court judge in the future, and Mr. Justice Dinsmore has been appointed to the post. Mr. Justice Acton is to take his place at Seremban.

Sir Arthur Yapp, K.B.E., the National Secretary of the London Council of the Y.M.C.A., who is due in Malaya from Bangkok at the end of this month, will spend a few weeks in Malaya. He will attend the formal opening of the Y.M.C.A. building in Ipoh.

The 114th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens was celebrated by the annual pilgrimage. The first tribute was a bunch of snowdrops and violets from Cyril Dickens, a great-grandson of the novelist. A direct descendant of Dickens has been a resident of Penang for many years in the person of Mrs. R. J. B. Clayton.

The Duke of York who, as President of the Industrial Welfare Society, is making himself familiar with many forms of manufacture and production, both in London and provinces, paid a visit on March 3, to the offices of "The Times" newspaper, and spent two hours in inspecting the various departments and studying the methods whereby a great newspaper is produced.

The Prince Regent is scheduled for an itinerary in western Japan sometime in May. Preparations for his trip and his reception in the towns which it is proposed he shall visit are now being made by officials of the Imperial Household Department. Details of his visit have not yet been made public, but it is understood that the Imperial Household Department will make the journey a hard one for the Prince Regent. The Prince Regent is expected to be accompanied by the Earl of Bessborough.



MRS. CORNELIA VANDERVORT

Members of the family of Mrs. Cornelia Vandervort, a New York society leader, were called to her bedside because of her serious illness.

Mr. A. Denison has offered a silver cup for golf competition by men at Deep Water Bay.

Mr. C. C. C. Sandes has taken over the management of the Hongkong branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., in place of Mr. J. E. Ross, who is proceeding home on furlough.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, Ceylon, on March 3, of Mr. Patrick Walter Gordon Spence, (of Aitken, Spence & Co., Colombo), with Miss Helen Josephine Fincham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fincham of Canterbury Kent, and sister of Mrs. H. C. Stokes, of Colombo.

The Mayor of Bedford, Alderman Gilbert Bedford, laid the last brick at the top of the new chimney, 140 feet high, at the Lutter Bessing and Great Works, of which it is the highest. The chimney will be 140 feet high, and will be used for the burning of refuse. The chimney is the highest in the county, and will be a landmark for miles around.

Mr. A. Henderson, son of Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., underwent an operation for throat trouble in a London nursing home.

Commander G. D. Connell, R.N.R., who has returned to Plymouth, was 62 days on a voyage with an 18-ton tug from Liverpool to Port Said.

"You will be treated as one of the family," said Lady Cook, wife of the High Commissioner for Australia, in bidding good-bye to 50 Barnardo girls going out to Australia.

Lt.-Col. Mackintosh, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Trevelyan, Major and Mrs. Alabaster, Major Lewis were among the 200 guests of the officers, warrant officers and sergeants' mess of the local detachment of Royal Engineers, at a special invitation dance on Wednesday (at the R. E. theatre). S. M. Hewett, S. S. Waller, Sgt. Swinson and Cpl. Clows were the committee responsible. Mrs. Trevelyan presented Mrs. Jacob and Mr. Blackman with the prizes for the "spot-waltz." An excellent programme was enjoyed in an appropriate setting amidst tasteful decorations.

Bore, underweight, and sickly, with physicians despairing of their lives, Paul Zeiss, eleven years old, and his brother Anton, twelve, of Bremerhaven, Hanover, have attained a combined weight of 672 pounds. Paul weighs 297, his brother 275. They laugh at suggestions that doing a "daily dozen" will make them thin. They were exercised according to physicians' prescriptions when infants to gain strength. Now they walk six miles a day to school and back to get thin and do the work of grown men on their father's farm. They have three sisters who are normally developed.

A grand old man of London City ceased work on January 1 after 60 years' continuous service with Holborn firm 74 years' work in London, and a total working life of nearly 80 years. He is Mr. J. W. Sutton, manager of Messrs. George Kent, Limited, High Holborn, 99 years of age. In limb's phrase, he went home for good on December 3. He took with him a silver fruit dish, the "present" of the firm, and an illuminated address containing 100 names and 100 signatures, representing the firm's employees. He was a member of the firm since its foundation in 1865, and was one of the original partners. He was a member of the firm since its foundation in 1865, and was one of the original partners.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SOCCER NOTES.

WEEK-END AND COMING FIXTURES.

LOCAL SHIELD TIES.

[By "Dutchie."]

There are only four soccer matches to-morrow, two in the junior league divisions, and the two semi-finals in the senior shield competition. Ties and grounds are as follow:—

SENIOR SHIELD.

Semi-Finals.

Kewloon F.C. v. Police, Sookumpoo "A" ground, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.
1/ East Surreys v. Club de Recreo, H.K.F.C. ground, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.

LEAGUE DIV. II.

"Section A."

Drums v. South China "A," Club ground, 3 p.m.

"Section B."

St. Joseph's Reserves v. South China "C," Sookumpoo "A" ground, 3 p.m.

Opinions will be divided, as to the game to watch to-morrow in the shield competition, but it is assured that all the clubs participating will be supported by quite strong followings.

For the impartial spectator, that game on the Hongkong F.C. ground will probably be the best, and best from an actual football point of view. The two teams met earlier in the week in the League, when the soldiers won by two clear goals. This cannot be taken as an indication of what is going to happen to-morrow, as the football may be of the typical Cup-tie order.

The Surreys beat H.M.S. "Tamar" in the previous round and the Club de Recreo disposed of the Artillery. This, however, does not give me much to go upon, but personally, I am sure that the soldiers will have to play much better to-morrow than they did on Wednesday, if they want to beat their nippy opponents. I have a great fancy for the Portuguese team as now composed, and if they do not beat their heavier and slower opponents to-morrow, I shall be very much surprised.

At Sookumpoo, the Police and Kewloon will try conclusions as to who will take part in the final round. The Police have a very strong defence, but their forward line is not impressive. I also hear that Hudson (late of the "Tamar") will not be fit enough to turn out. Kewloon will rely on the same side that so well and truly defeated the "Tamar" in the league last Saturday. Sims at centre is an opportunist, and may score, but he will have a very hard job to do so, more especially if Hudson is able to play and devotes some of his time to looking after him. I have an idea that this game will go to the extra time, and even then may not be decided.

The South China "A" team will meet the Drums on the Club ground in the junior "A" section of the league. It will be remembered that this game was abandoned some weeks ago owing to the spectators encroaching on the field. At that time the Drums were leading by a goal to none. The soldiers to-morrow should prove their superiority.

South China "C" maintained their unbeaten record last week when they met the Moslems, but they were very lucky in effecting a draw. They should, however, have no difficulty to-morrow in continuing their victorious career.

On Friday next, on the Club ground, the postponed game between England and South China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup competition will take place. The kick-off will be at 4 p.m., and as a record crowd is expected that day, intending spectators are advised to get their seats early.

On Saturday, April 8, the Portuguese Interport game will be played on the Club ground. The start will be at 4.15 p.m., and in the event of a draw at full time, an extra ten minutes each way will be played. On Monday a combined Portuguese team will meet a team chosen from the "Rest of the Colony," and on Wednesday the

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD CRITICISED FOR STALENESS.

KEEN STRUGGLE PROMISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 25.

The final week of the boat race practice consisted of light work. Even so, Oxford has been criticised from the view point of staleness. However, they refuted this to-day, rowing from Hammersmith Bridge to the mile post in 2 minutes, 57 seconds (which is three seconds outside the record). The Cambridge spare man has settled down well. The indications are that a keen struggle will be seen. The start has been fixed for 12.30 p.m. (on Saturday, March 27).

LAWN TENNIS.

RESULTS IN H.K.C.C. ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

Results of matches played yesterday in the Hongkong C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament were:—

Open Doubles:—

1st round:—Major H. R. Edwards and J. R. Craig beat Cheong Tuck-wing and Leong Hoi-yang 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. 1 Newton and J. C. Ernoe beat Fu Tak-cheuk and Lam Mar-kwong 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

2nd round:—A. D. Humphreys and Prof. R. E. Tottenham beat Lt.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates and Captain R. H. P. West 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 8-6. E. de Souza and P. Ribeiro beat A. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

2nd round:—M. K. and M. W. Lo beat T. Yamada and T. Edo 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles (2nd round):

by 1. O. C. Womack and Mrs. E. R. Childs (one 6-1) beat J. Hall and Mrs. Hall (scratch) 6-2, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles (1st round):—Prof. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (two 6-0) walk-over from L. Baines and Mrs. Baines (scratch).

Mixed Singles (2nd round):

Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith beat Dr. D. J. Valentine 6-0, 6-3, 6-1 (played at the U.S.R.C. on Wednesday).

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final positions in the Colony's chess championship (organised by the Kowloon Chess Club) for the "S. C. M. Post" challenge cup are:—

	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
C. Sequerra	7	1	1	7½
S. G. Hayes	6	0	3	6
*Sir H. E. Pollock	5	2	2	6
*H. Randall	6	0	3	6
D. Carvalho	5	0	4	5
S. Rozario	4	1	4	4½
P. H. Bonnerman	4	0	5	4
S. Puresell	2	2	5	3
A. van Gennep-Luhrs	3	0	6	3
A. Weetion	0	0	9	0

(*S. G. Hayes won the replay for second place.)

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

The heats of the University sports were run off on Wednesday, when the finals of "kicking the football" and "throwing the cricket ball" were also decided.

Kicking the football:—1, A. P. Guterres, 51 yards 2ft.; 2, B. K. Jap.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, S. Hachiuma, 93 yards 10in.; 2, H. Y. Leong.

The half mile race (open to the Colony) will be run off at about 4.30 p.m. to-morrow, when the programme commences at 2.30 p.m.

same team will meet the South China Athletic.

The following have been chosen to represent the Police in the Shield semi-final to be played:—Clark, Wynne, Harle, Brittain, Hudson, Randle, Cornwall, McEwen, Johnston, Organ and Noonan.

The following have been chosen to represent "England" against South China in the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup on Good Friday, April 2:—Avery, Wheeler (captain), Wynne, Brittain, Sims, Watson, Charlesworth, Howard, Hummerstone, King and Bennett. Reserves: Brittain, Butler and Jordan.

The following have been chosen to represent the "Rest of the Colony" against a combined Portuguese Interport team on the Club ground on Easter Monday, April 5, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—Clark, Wheeler, Wynne, Leung, Yuk-tong, Howard (captain), Lam Yuk-tong, Charlesworth, Fulton, Hummerstone, Butler and Macklesworth.

HOME SOCCER.

LATEST RESULTS IN MID-WEEK.

LEAGUE STRUGGLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 25.

Matches in the English Football League to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I.

Tottenham Hotspur 1, Newcastle 0.

Division II.

Preston North End 2, Fulham 1.

Division III (South).

Charlton 0, Plymouth 5.

Division III (North).

Grimsby 2, Crewe 0.

The respective tables now stand:—

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	34	10	5	7	48	48	42
Arsenal	33	18	6	9	70	50	42
Sunderland	34	17	6	11	80	64	40
Sheffield U.	35	15	7	13	85	72	37
Bury	34	17	3	14	73	71	37
Manch. U.	34	15	6	13	52	53	36
Aston Villa	33	12	11	10	68	50	35
Everton	35	9	17	10	62	65	35
Newcastle	34	12	10	12	68	61	34
W. Bromwich	34	12	10	12	65	61	34
Blackburn	36	12	10	14	75	70	34
Leicester	36	13	8	15	64	68	34
Tottenham	35	13	8	14	57	66	34
Liverpool	33	10	11	13	55	50	33
Solton W.	34	14	8	12	62	60	33
W. Bromwich	34	12	8	14	65	62	33
Birmingham	35	13	6	16	56	66	33
West Ham	34	13	5	16	56	66	33
Cardiff City	33	13	5	15	50	64	33
Leeds U.	34	12	6	16	57	65	30
Notts County	34	10	7	17	45	55	27
Burnley	34	9	9	16	64	62	27
W. Chester	34	8	10	16	73	85	20

Division II.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	34	21	5	8	72	42	44
Derby C.	33	19	6	8	63	35	44
Chelsea	33	16	10	7	67	39	43
Swansea	33	17	5	10	66	45	39
Preston	34	15	12	7	66	45	39
Port Vale	33	17	4	12	66	45	38
Oldham	33	16	6	11	49	47	38
South Shields	33	17	4	12	61	52	37
Widlesbro'	33	14	16	8	61	52	37
Wolves	33	15	14	4	46	48	35
Blackpool	34	14	7	13	66	65	35
Peterborough	34	14	7	13	66	65	35
Preston	34	15	4	15	60	44	35
Hull City	33	15	12	6	52	44	35
Barnsley	33	10	14	10	40	60	31
Southampton	34	12	6	16	51	51	30
Darlington	35	11	8	16	51	61	30
Reading	33	11	8	14	51	50	30
Gillingham	33	10	9	15	37	62	29
Clapton	33	9	6	18	47	53	24
Stoke	33	9	6	18	47	62	24
Notts Forest	32	8	7	17	32	59	23
Stockport	34	6	8	20	40	79	20

Division III (South).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Reading	34	10	9	5	58	40	47
Bristol C.	34	18	9	7	55	45	45
Plymouth	33	18	7	8	86	47	45
Millwall	33	16	6	11	55	48	41
Brighton	33	17	6	10	71	50	40
Gillingham	34	14	5	14	47	38	35
Southend	33	16	3	14	63	54	35
Swindon	33	15	5	13	59	40	35
Luton	34	14	6	14	66	61	31
Aberdare	33	14	4	15	62	57	31
Northants	32	13	6	13	66	64	32
Newport	34	12	8	14	41	57	32
Watford	33	12	8	13	61	67	32
Bournemouth	33	12	7	14	40	73	31
Crystal P.	33	14	2	17	50	62	30
Merthyr	34	11	8	15	52	63	30
Brentford	33	13	4	16	47	75	30
Charlton	33	9	12	13	38	50	30
Bristol R.	33	11	6	16	53	48	28
Norwich	33	11	6	16	46	60	28
Exeter	33	9	8	16	50	58	24
Q. P. R.	34	5	8	21	10	65	18

Division III (North).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	34	22	5	7	78	35	49
Grimsby	33	20	7	6	73	33	47
Rochdale	34	21	5	8	80	40	47
Sheffield F.	33	19	4	10	76	47	47
Nelson	33	15	8	10	77	47	38
Hartlepool	34	16	6	12	68	62	38
Halifax	34	14	9	11	46	41	37
Ashington	33	13	10	10	50	48	36
Crewe	33	15	5	13	55	53	35
Durham	34	15	4	15	54	56	34
Doncaster	32	11	10	11	60	61	33
Coventry	33	14	4	15	60	58	33
Rotherham	33	13	6	14	52	72	32
Accrington	34	14	6	14	62	60	31
Wigan	33	11	8	14	57	58	30
N. Brighton	32	13	4	15	52	60	30
Tramere	33	13	4	16	52	60	30
Wrexham	33	9	9	15	55	74	27
Lincoln	33	11	4	18	50	76	27
Southport	33	7	10	16	45	64	24
Walsall	34	6	6	22	45	94	18
Barrow	34	6	2	26	43	70	14

Division III (North).

Hertford	34	11	8	15	54	75	30
Brentford	33	13	4	16	57	63	30
Charlton	33	9	12	11	38	50	30
Bristol R.	33	11	6	16	53	54	28
Norwich	33	11	6	16	45	60	28
Exeter	33	9	6	18	50	57	24
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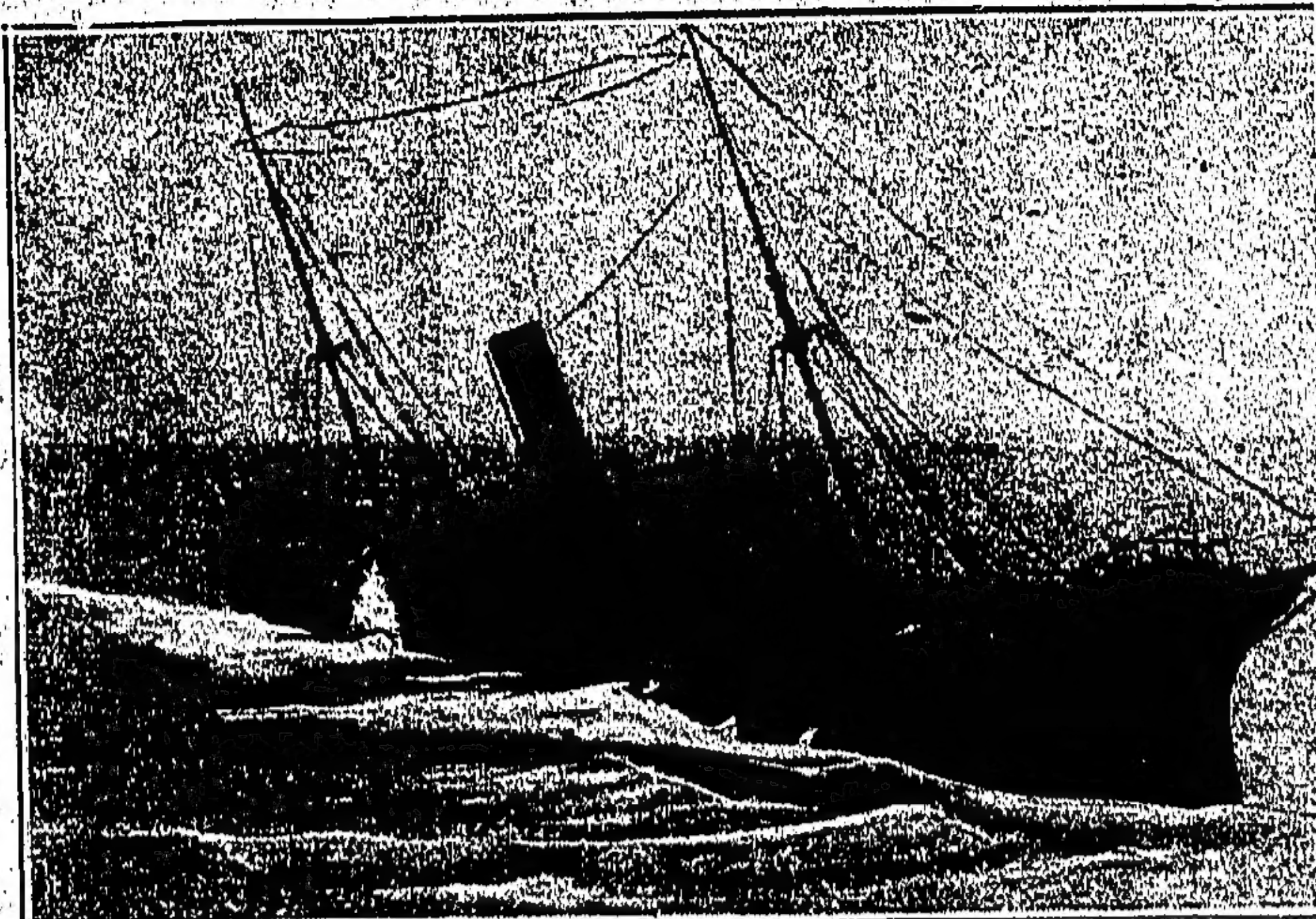
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People and Events in the News of the World



MISS NATALIE HAMMOND

Miss Natalie Hammond, a leader of the younger set in Washington, is to cruise the Mediterranean with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond.



For three days the disabled British freighter "Antinoe" was tossed about at the mercy of the worst storm in years on the Atlantic, while the United States liner "Roosevelt" stood by attempting to give aid. Finally the "Roosevelt" was able to take off the "Antinoe's" crew, saving every man, but losing two of its own crew when a lifeboat was smashed. It was one of the most remarkable rescues at sea in history. This photograph was taken from the deck of the "Roosevelt."



EMORY E. BUCKNER

Either repeal prohibition legislation or supply the money to enforce it, is the appeal of Emory Buckner, United States District Attorney of New York.



MAYOR WALKER GREETING CAPT. GRAAF

Mayor James Walker, New York, publicly honoured Captain Graaf, of the liner "Westphalia," when he received him at the City Hall. But for the captain's heroic work the crew of the sinking freighter "Alkaid" would have perished in an Atlantic storm.



MRS. PINNA CRUGER

Mrs. Pinna Cruger, who danced with the Prince of Wales during his visit to the United States, suddenly married John Gaston, the son of a wealthy Boston banker.



PRESIDENT CALLES



WILLIAM B. WARD



CAPTAIN JOHN ROGERS



CARDINAL HAYES

President Calles outlined an extensive immigration policy for Mexico. The two-billion-dollar "bread combine," planned by William B. Ward, was "under fire" in United States Senate. Captain John Rogers, captain of the schooner "Kenwood," and his crew were rescued from their sinking ship by life guards off the New England coast. Cardinal Hayes, on returning to America from Rome, said he favoured modification of the Volstead Law.

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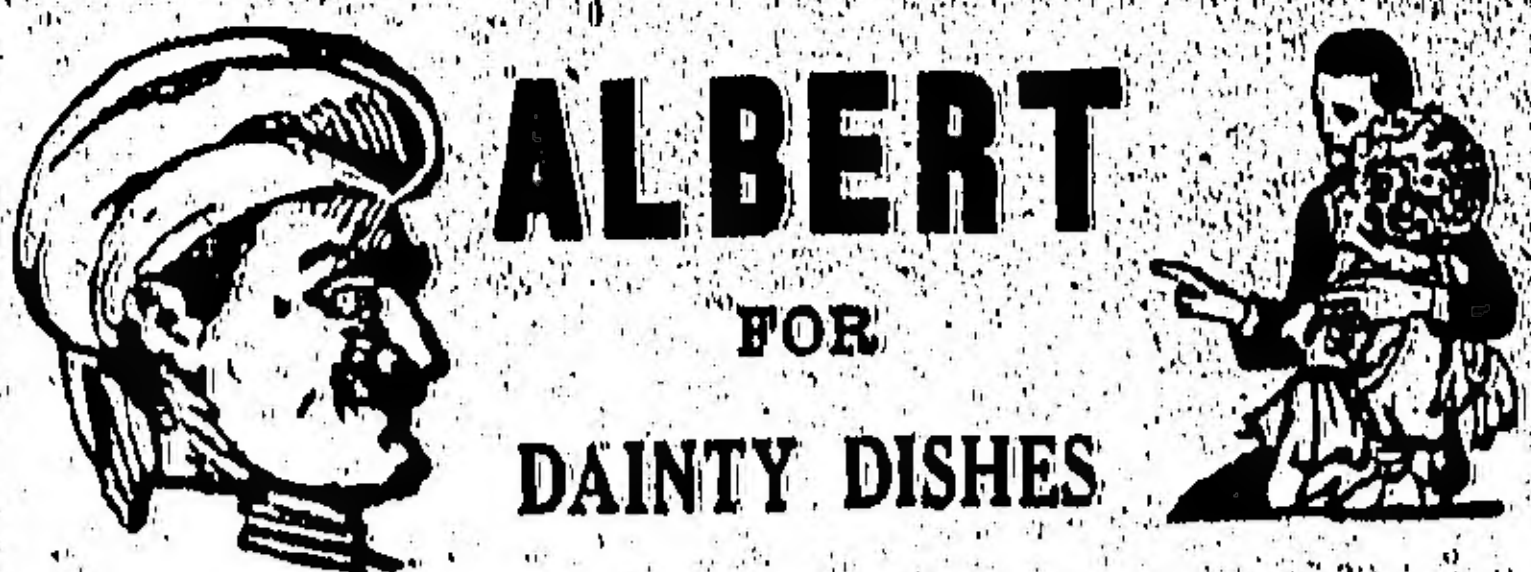


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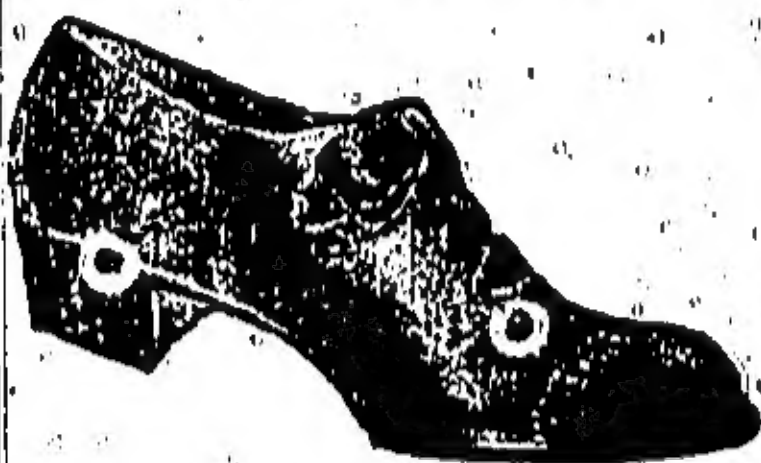
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SEA DISASTER.

PETROL AND POWER EXPLODE ON STEAMER.

A SMOKER'S FOOLY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Rio de Janeiro, March 25.
It is now believed that the death roll in the Paes de Carvalho disaster is thirty-eight. It is probably an unparalleled disaster, considering that it occurred fifteen hundred miles inland.

The origin is ascribed to a smoker in a third class cabin accidentally setting fire to his mattress, which he tried to throw overboard.
The flames caught some tins of petrol and reached a quantity of powder, which exploded, wrecking the steamer.

Earlier Details.

The following cables throw light on the disaster:

Mannao (Brazil), March 24.
One hundred and four fatalities are reported in connection with the loss of the Brazilian steamer Paes de Carvalho which was destroyed by fire and sunk near Coury.

Rio de Janeiro, March 24.
The latest report says that an explosion caused the loss of the steamer Paes de Carvalho. Eighty passengers, the Captain and two officers perished and 73 passengers and seven of the crew were rescued.

RAILS CARTEL.

ELIMINATING COMPETITION IN EUROPE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 25.
Protracted consultations by European steel interests have resulted, according to the "Daily News" correspondent at Berlin, in a far-reaching "rail cartel," eliminating competition and apportioning quotas of export of rails, as follows:—Britain, 43 per cent., France and Germany together 40 per cent., Belgium 10%, and Luxembourg 6%.

It is stated that negotiations will shortly be opened for a larger iron international cartel for the control of the entire production of iron and steel.

TIENTSIN.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS TO PEKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 24.
Telephonic communication with Tientsin has been interrupted since yesterday.



GENERAL PRIMO RIVERA

General Primo Rivera, the Spanish dictator, predicted that within twenty years every nation in the world will be ruled by a dictator or else will have fallen into anarchy.

JAPANESE LOAN.

TO EAST-TIGHTENED MONEY MARKET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 24.
The "Nichi Nichi" reports that as the Nishihara Loan Bill has passed the Diet, the Government intends to issue a State Loan on April 1, aggregating 84,000,000 yen for delivery to the Banks concerned.

The paper hopes, therefore, the entry of this capital into the public market will help to ease the present tightened money market slightly.

MRS. GRUNDY!

NO FOREIGN DANCING IN JAPAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 24.
The Anti-Dance Bill was not enacted owing to pressure of business in the Diet, which is attempting to adjourn to-morrow, but the Police have stated they are probably closing all the dance halls and restricting foreign dancing in all public places.

PEKING CABINET.

NEW FOREIGN MINISTER APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 24.
A mandate appoints Hu Wei-teh as Foreign Minister vice Dr. W. W. Yen whose resignation is accepted.

AERIAL ACCIDENT.

TWO BOMBING MACHINES COLLIDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 24.
A report from the Tsushima Naval Flying Ground states that two bombing machines collided in mid-air this morning whilst exercising.

A subaltern and a Petty Officer were killed and a sailor seriously hurt, whilst another escaped unhurt, though both planes were wrecked.

This is the sixth fatal Naval Military air accident since the New Year.

PRINCE HUMBERTO.

TO MEET OTHER CROWN PRINCES.

Rome, March 18.—An official announcement states that Crown Prince Humberto will shortly embark on a personal visiting tour to meet and exchange views with other crown princes of Europe. This is in accordance with an old custom which permits the future rulers of Europe to become acquainted informally before they are called upon to assume the responsibilities of the throne. The trip usually makes the coming of age of the prince.

Humberto's first call will probably be London, where he will spend several weeks as the guest of the royal family. From there he will probably proceed to Madrid and his programme thereafter will be agreed upon later.

It is expected that Premier Mussolini will accompany him on the visit to Madrid in order to return the courtesy of Primo de Rivera's visit to Rome last year. It would also serve to strengthen the new Italo-Spanish entente which is making itself felt more and more in European politics.—"United Press."

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